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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2655

03560.002761

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: J. Wozniak
Yasuo OKUTANI, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2655
Application No.: 09/818,607)
: Filed: March 28, 2001)
: For: SPEECH SIGNAL)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection in the above-identified application.


☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 21 | MINUS | 36 | = 0 | x \$9 \$18 | 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 | MINUS | 3 | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | 0 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT--- | | | | | | 0 |

- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in Washington, D.C. by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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